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FOURTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
CITY MANAGER  
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE



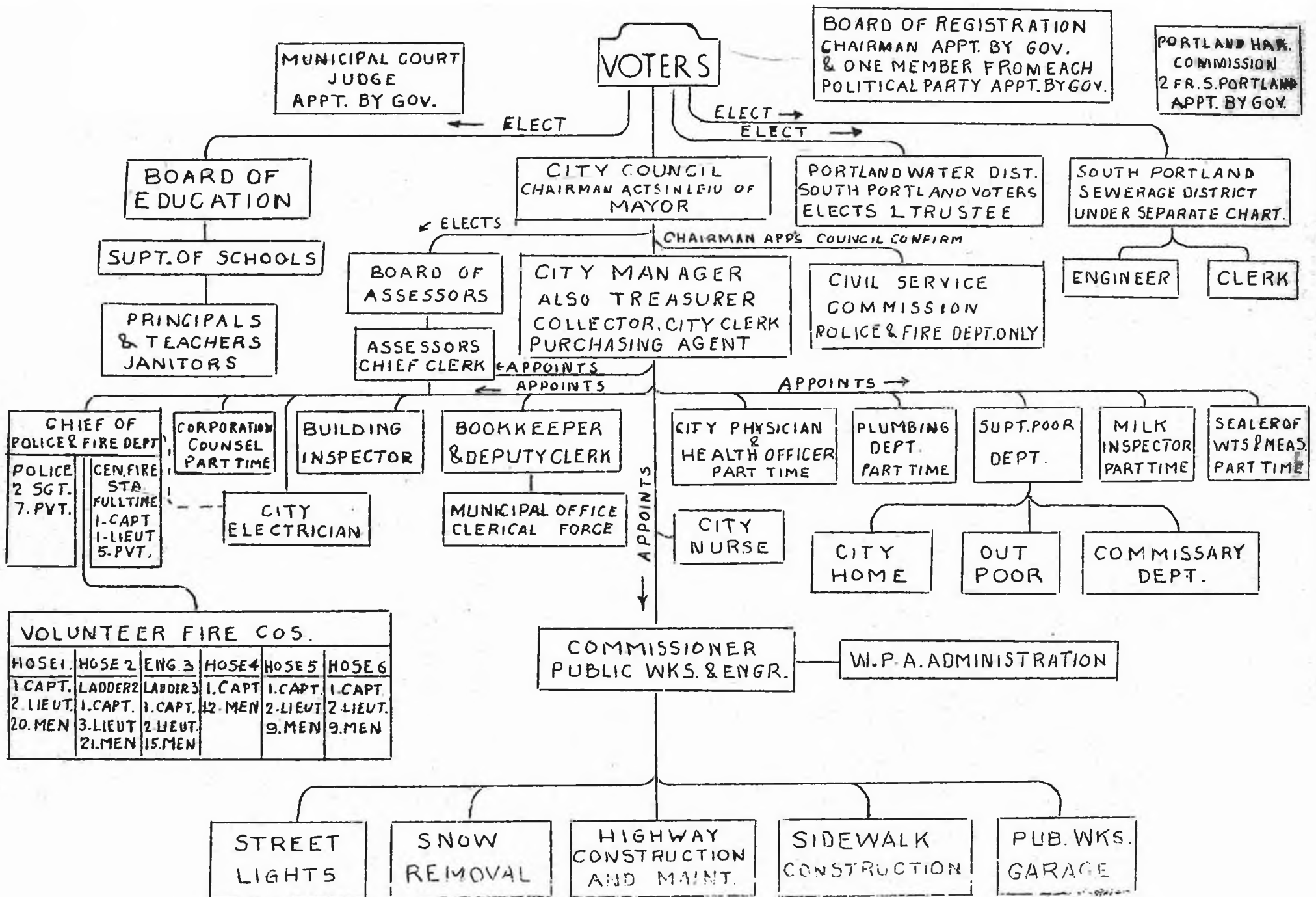
FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING  
JANUARY 1, 1937 AND ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1937



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OFFICIAL DIRECTORY  
1937

CITY COUNCIL

Ralph W. Leighton, Chairman  
Dist. No. 4 (Term Expires Jan. 1, 1940)  
John H. Mann Dist. No. 2--Term Expires Jan. 2, 1939  
Harold W. Nicholson Dist. No. 1--Term Expires Jan. 2, 1939  
Ernest E. Gowell Dist. No. 3--Term Expires Jan. 1, 1940  
Ernest L. Ryall Dist. No. 5--Term Expires Jan. 7, 1941

ADMINISTRATIVE

City Manager )  
City Treas. & Coll.) Harry A.  
City Clerk ) Brinkerhoff  
Purchasing Agent )

Assist. Purch. Agent Walter Hayes

Bookkeeper )  
Dep. City Clerk) Charles A. Owen

Corporation Counsel, Clinton T.  
Goudy

Commissioner of Public Works  
Albert W. Waterman

Chief of Police ) Charles O.  
Chief of Fire Dep't.) Spear Jr.

City Electrician, George Lowell

Building Inspector, Oscar Emerson

Plumbing Inspector, Leroy Hasey

Milk Inspector, Dr. J.F. Boswell

Sealer of Wgts. & Measures  
Allen H. Cobb

Health Officer) Waldo Skillin, MD.  
City Physician)

City Nurse, Mary Vanderward, RN.

Supt. of Poor Dept.  
Harry A. Schendel

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(Three members of City Council)

John H. Mann, Chairman  
Ernest E. Gowell  
Ernest L. Ryall  
Oscar I. Emerson, Chief Clerk

BOARD OF EDUCATION

John Mann, Chairman Ex Officio  
Mason Allen, Dist. No. 1  
Carl H. Tupper, Dist. No. 2  
Paul I. Davis, Dist. No. 3  
Julius C. Oram, Dist. No. 4  
George E. Taylor, Dist. No. 5  
Supt. of Schools, L. C. Day  
Attendance Officer, James E. Smith  
School Nurse, Leona E. Fairfield RN

SOUTH PORTLAND  
SEWERAGE DISTRICT

Ernest Henry, President  
Maurice W. Bragdon Trustee  
John J. Maloney, Trustee  
Herman C. Kendall, Engineer  
Harry A. Brinkerhoff, Treasurer  
Walter E. Brown, Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRATION

E. Ethel Jones, Chairman  
Raymond A. Pooler,  
Albert A. Sylvester,

PORTLAND HARBOR COMMISSION

South Portland Members

Clinton T. Goudy, Chairman  
Allen H. Cobb,  
Thomas Tucker, Harbor Master

MUNICIPAL COURT

Clinton T. Goudy, Judge

PORTLAND WATER DISTRICT

South Portland Trustee

Frank S. Morrison

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Horace S. Jose, Chairman  
Ralph A. Williams  
John L. Goodwin  
Harold B. Knowles  
Allen R. Thomas



April 1, 1938.

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen:

The Fourth Annual Report, under the Council Manager Government, which is the 39th. Annual Report of the City of South Portland is submitted herewith.

The City continued to maintain it's high credit rating despite difficulties in collecting taxes, the tremendous demands for relief of the Poor and Indigent, and continually increasing school expenditures. The City's high credit rating made it possible to make the 1937 Tax Anticipation Loan at the low rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of one per cent.

Unpaid current bills aggregating approximately \$102,000 carried forward at the close of 1936 were reduced to approximately \$98,000 at the close of the current year.

The \$615,423.74 bonded and note debt at the close of the year 1933 when the new form of Municipal Government succeeded the old form, has been reduced \$32,423.74 in the past four years, notwithstanding that during this period new bonds aggregating \$178,000 were issued to finance the new High School Annex, the addition to the Thornton Heights Grade School, the new Frank I. Brown Grade School, and to refund \$25,000 of Municipal Building notes.

The City's Bonded Indebtedness (there are no outstanding notes) on December 31, 1937 was \$583,000.

Since 1933, the School Department appropriation which in that year was \$170,000, has been increased each year and in 1937 rose to \$225,000, an increase of \$55,000 in the past four years; the Poor Department appropriation of \$21,000 in 1933, has also continued to rise, reaching \$65,695.38 in 1937. Notwithstanding this \$100,000 increase in the appropriations for these two departments, the 1933 tax rate of \$48.00 was maintained until the current year when it was necessary to increase the rate to \$50.00.

With the completion of the new Frank I. Brown Grade School last August, there has been provided in the past four years, new accommodations for approximately 600 elementary and 500 high school pupils.

Two modern 500 gallon pumpers, one for Hose #3 and another for Hose #5 were purchased and delivered in 1937; Hose #1 and Hose #2 have each been equipped with a 500 gallon pump. These additions provide the City's Fire Department with ample pumping apparatus for some time to come.

Although 1937 tax collections show an improvement over the preceeding year, unpaid taxes continue to be a serious problem, not only because of the loss of anticipated revenue, but also because of the loss in assessed valuation at the end of the two year redemption period when such properties become a part of the so-called City List (Recorded Tax Deeds). As an indication of this trend, attention is called to the fact that in 1933 the City List properties represented a valuation of \$127,265, whereas at the close of 1937 they represented a valuation of \$328,800. This increase has been gradual and is almost of sufficient proportions each year to offset the added valuation of new construction. Therefore, the total assessed valuation increases but little each year, while the cost of operations due to normal growth in population continues to increase, making it harder and harder to provide satisfactory municipal services and needed improvements.

W.P.A. projects, the labor on which is financed by the Federal Government, have been life savers. Not only have these projects made it possible for the City to undertake desirable and needed improvements which it could not otherwise have attempted, but has at the same time, materially lightened the demands for relief. The most outstanding W.P.A. project is the new High School Athletic Field which was dedicated and opened for the 1937 football season. This field which is all enclosed with a substantial wire fence comprises besides an ideal football field, a baseball field, and a suitable area for football practice.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY A. BRINKERHOFF  
City Manager

## SOUTH PORTLAND

**LOCATION:** The City of South Portland is located on Portland Harbor and Fore River, opposite the City of Portland, the largest city in Maine.

**INCORPORATED:** Originally a part of the town of Cape Elizabeth, set off and incorporated as the City of South Portland, March 15, 1895; it's first City Charter was granted March 22, 1895, and was adopted December 5, 1898. A new Council Manager Charter was granted March 28th., 1933, and adopted September 11, 1933, and became effective January 1, 1934.

**CHARACTER:** South Portland, except for a number of small diversified industries, a large Central Maine Power Station, Engine Terminal, and bulk oil storage facilities, is primarily a residential community of mostly single family dwellings.

**WATER SUPPLY:** The Portland Water District of which South Portland is an integral part, serves the City and also the City of Portland and adjoining municipalities with an unlimited supply of water of unsurpassed quality.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Electric car lines supply local transportation while the Boston and Maine and Maine Central Railroads supply both passenger and freight transportation to all outside points.

**GROWTH:** In the twenty year period from 1910 to 1930, the population of South Portland increased almost one hundred per cent. Its present population is estimated to be about 16,000.

### GENERAL STATISTICS

Population, approximately	16,000
Area in square miles	12.50
Area per capita in acres	.5
Valuation (1937 assessment)	\$12,302,200.00
Gross Debt--December 31, 1937	\$583,000.00
Assessed Valuation per capita	\$780.00
Gross debt per capita	\$36.50
Tax Rate per \$1,000	\$50.00
Miles of Accepted Streets	131

## PERTINENT ITEMS

The gross expenditures in 1937 exceeded the total appropriations by \$1,157.75 and the actual miscellaneous income fell \$14,074.25 short of the estimated income, hence, the 1937 accounts as closed on December 31, 1937 showed a deficit of \$15,231.99.

The 1937 unpaid current bills carried forward at the close of the year were about \$4,000 less than the amount of such bills carried forward at the close of 1936.

Tax payments on current year tax commitment were better in 1937 than the preceeding year, and there was quite an increase in receipts from tax deed redemptions.

Prices of provisions and other Poor Department supplies continued to rise and the demands on this department continued to increase due to discontinuance of State Old Age and Blind Pensions in April, also due to reductions in our allotment of W.P.A. workers, and also due to the business recession which began in August. These higher prices and the unexpected increase in the number of families obliged to ask for relief, caused an overdraft in the Poor Department expenditures of nearly \$21,000.

A new High School Athletic Field comprising an ideal gridiron, a baseball field, and a practice football field has been completed.

A playground including a baseball field is under construction in Thornton Heights (Ward 7). It will be ready for use in 1938.

The resignation of Clinton T. Goudy as Corporation Counsel effective May 31, 1937 was accepted by the City Council and Mr. George E. Hill was duly appointed to fill this vacancy.

The resignation of Henry Towle as Sealer of Weights and Measures was accepted by the City Council April 26, 1937 and Allen H. Cobb was duly appointed to fill this vacancy.

The resignation of Cecil V. Pullen as Superintendent of the Poor Department was accepted by the City Council and Harry A. Schendel was duly appointed to fill the vacancy on April 5, 1937.

### NEW ORDINANCES

Ordained During The Year 1937

Regulating the Construction of House Sewers and Private  
Sewerage Disposal Plants

# 1937 LIST OF MUNICIPAL MOTOR EQUIPMENT EXCLUSIVE OF FIRE APPARATUS

DEPARTMENT	MAKERS NAME	MODEL	YEAR
Assessors	1 Ford	Sedan	1934
Electrical	1 Chevrolet	Coupe	1937
Fire Dept.	1 G.M.C.	$\frac{1}{2}$ ton Pick-up truck	1937
	1 Dodge	Sedan (Chief's Car)	1937
Police	1 Ford	Sedan	1937
	1 Ford	Sedan	1936
	1 Harley-Davidson	Motorcycle	1935
	1 Harley-Davidson	Sidecar	1935
Poor Dept.	1 Ford	Coach	1936
	1 Ford	$1\frac{1}{2}$ ton Truck	1934
	1 Chevrolet	$\frac{1}{2}$ ton Pick-up Truck	1935
Public Works	2 Caterpillar	$7\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Tractors	1935
	1 Best	3 Ton	1928
	2 Ford	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Ton dump trucks	1937
	3 Ford	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Ton dump trucks	1932
	1 Ford	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Ton dump Truck	1934
	1 Ford	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Ton dump Truck	1935
	1 Ford	$\frac{1}{2}$ Ton pick-up truck	1935
	1 Ford	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Stake Body	1937
	1 Terraplane	Coupe	1934
	1 International	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Ton dump truck	1937
	1 Walter (4 Wheel drive)	$3\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Truck	1930
	1 Walter "	$3\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Truck	1931
	1 Russell	Road Machine	1930
	1 Stockland	Road Machine	age unknown
	1 Adams	Road Maintainer	1935
Sewerage Dist.	1 Ford	$1\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck	1929
	1 Ford	$1\frac{1}{2}$ ton dump truck	1932
	1 Ford	$\frac{1}{2}$ ton pick-up truck	1933
	1 Ford	$1\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck with compressor	1930
	1 Ford	$\frac{1}{2}$ ton pick-up truck	1928
	1 Ford	$1\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck with compressor	1931
	1 Ford	Tudor sedan	1938

# MUNICIPAL SALARY LIST

TITLE	NAME	YEARLY
Councilman (Chairman)	Ralph W. Leighton	\$ 300.00
Councilman	Ernest Henry	300.00
Councilman	John H. Mann	300.00
Councilman	Harold W. Nicholson	300.00
Councilman	Ernest E. Gowell	300.00
City Manager	)	
Treasurer & Tax Collector	)	
City Clerk	)	
Purchasing Agent	)	
Bookkeeper	Charles A. Owen	2200.00
Commissioner of Public Works	Albert W. Waterman	2515.00
Chief--Police & Fire Depts.	Charles C. Spear Jr.	2425.00
Chief Clerk--Bd. Of Assessors	Oscar I. Emerson	2200.00
Superintendent--Poor Dept.	Harry A. Schendel	1500.00
City Physician & Health Off.	Waldo T. Skillin M. D.	800.00
Corporation Counsel	George E. Hill	800.00
Building Inspector	Oscar I. Emerson	*
Milk Inspector	Dr. J. F. Boswell	200.00
Clerk in Accounting Dept.	Grace M. Milesen	1335.00
Plumbing Inspector	Leroy W. Hasey	**
Clerk in City Clerk's Dept.	Elinor G. Sawyer	1335.00
Assistant in Purchasing Dept.	Walter J. Hayes	1144.00
Clerk in Assessors' Dept.	Elizabeth Crowell	1235.00
Clerk in Public Works Dept.	Merle E. Bridgham	1144.00
City Electrician	George H. Lowell	1875.00
City Nurse	Mary Vanderward	1200.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Allen H. Cobb	***
Janitor--City Building	Edwin L. Eaton	1248.00

\* Building Inspector's salary included in salary of Assessor's Chief Clerk

\*\* Receives part of Plumbing Inspection fee and allowance for use of own car--averaging about \$500.00 per year.

\*\*\* Retains fees--averaging about \$135.00 per year.

# RESULTS OF LAST MUNICIPAL ELECTION

DECEMBER 6, 1937

## VOTES CAST FOR MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL FROM DISTRICT 5

WARDS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
ERNEST HENRY	156	65	47	144	170	170	258	1010
ERNEST L. RYALL	255	106	166	97	266	156	363	1409

## VOTES CAST FOR MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM DISTRICT 1

MASON H. ALLEN	360	141	171	176	341	269	452	1910
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## VOTES CAST FOR MEMBER SOUTH PORTLAND SEWERAGE DISTRICT

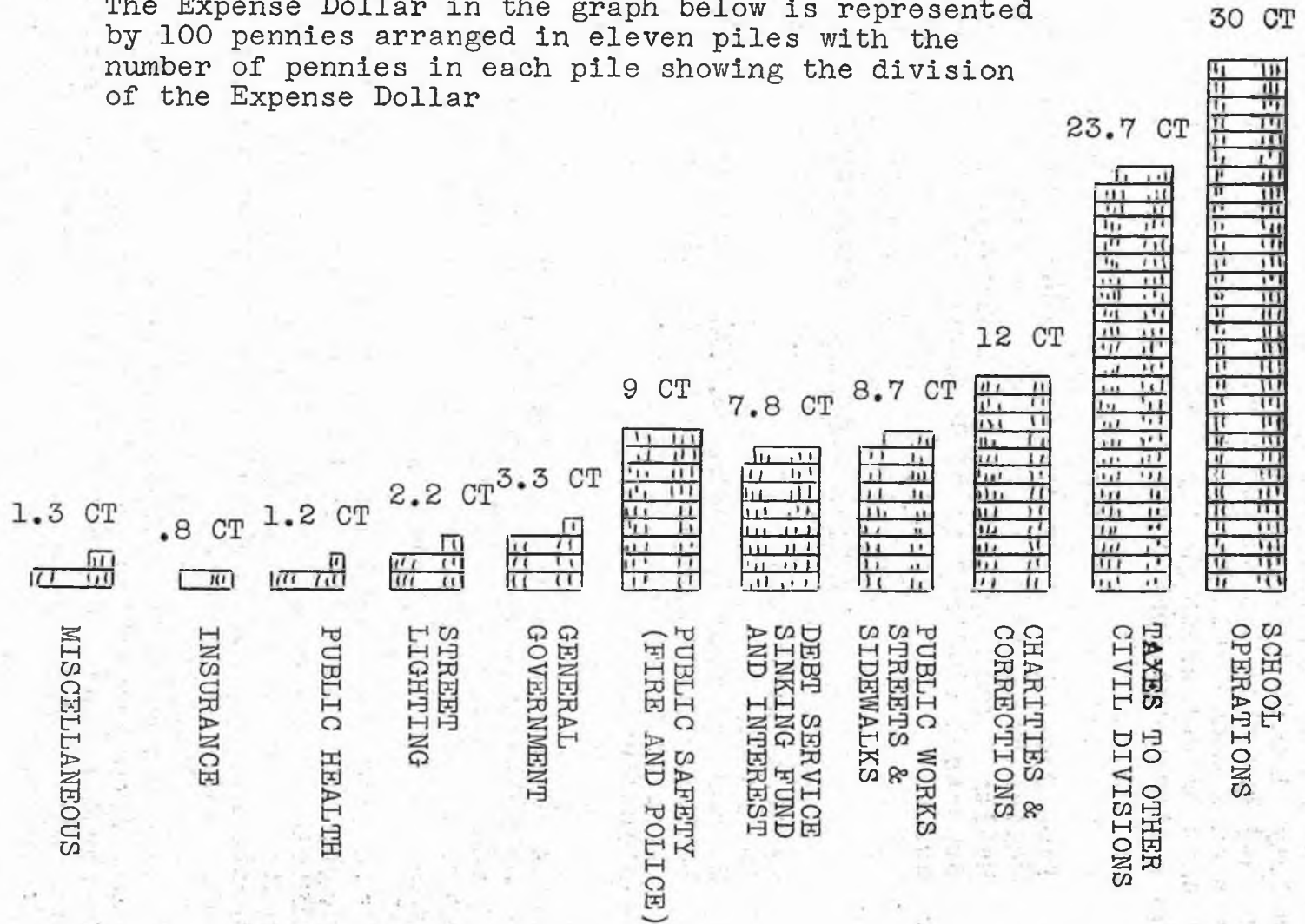
JOHN J. MALONEY	357	143	187	203	346	283	489	2008
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## WARD OFFICERS ELECTED

<u>WARD</u>	<u>WARDENS</u>	<u>WARD CLERKS</u>	<u>CONSTABLES</u>
1	John I. Liscomb	Allen H. Cobb	George Q. Cobb
2	George C. Cribby	Agnes M. Lailer	Geo. C. Lailer
3	George E. Robinson	Geo. W.C. Studley	Robert C. Steele
4	Geo. A. McCubrey	Edward W. Farrell	Ralph B. Thompson
5	Henry G. Clark	Philip H. Scamman	Harold Buchanan
6	James B. Mincher	Fannie Waterman	Arthur McDonald
7	John H. Johnson	Flora Carmichael	Louis J. Berryman

# 1937 EXPENSE DOLLAR

The Expense Dollar in the graph below is represented by 100 pennies arranged in eleven piles with the number of pennies in each pile showing the division of the Expense Dollar





# THE AVERAGE TAX BILL

Assuming that the average home owner's tax bill is approximately \$100.00 (some are less and some are more than this amount) but this amount about represents a fair average assessment on a modest single family home and the following division of this amount shows what portion goes to pay for each of the various municipal services.

## DIRECT BENEFIT SERVICES

Fire Protection including water and hydrants	\$5.80
Police Protection	3.20
Health including collection of garbage	1.20
Streets including street lights	10.90
Schools	30.00
	<u>\$51.10</u>

## INDIRECT BENEFIT SERVICES

General Government	\$3.30
Insurance	.80
Support of Poor including W.P.A. materials	12.00
Debt Service (Interest and Debt Retirement)	7.80
Taxes to Other Civil Divisions	23.70
Miscellaneous	1.30
	<u>\$48.90</u>

An examination of the items listed under Direct Benefits if not convincing should at least be interesting as indicating what the various municipal services cost the average home owner, and thus enable him to balance the service received against the tax money he pays.

Should this average tax payer have two children attending school, his one hundred dollars does not pay the actual cost of maintaining the children in school. If he has but one child attending school, more than one-half of his \$100.00 tax goes to educate his child. The average cost per school pupil is approximately \$54.00 per year.

The annual cost to this average tax payer for fire protection police protection, health and garbage removal, considering the service rendered, needs no qualifying explanation. Neither does cost of keeping the streets in repair as well as passable all winter.

The Indirect Benefit items although absorbing about half the total expenditures are with one exception--General Government--items over which the Municipal Officers have little control.

# ASSESSED VALUATION

YEAR	DOLLARS	TAX RATE
1924	10,153,500	\$36.00
1925	10,591,365	36.00
1926	11,279,130	42.00
1927	11,824,715	41.75
1928	12,077,200	41.50
1929	12,406,930	41.50
1930	12,190,415	46.00
1931	12,483,759	46.00
1932	12,588,900	46.00
1933	12,179,110	48.00
1934	12,154,620	48.00
1935	12,066,130	48.00
1936	12,146,245	48.00
1937	12,302,245	50.00

NOTE: TAX RATES ARE IN DOLLARS PER \$1,000.00 ASSESSED.

## CITY DEBT

YEAR	LEGAL DEBT LIMIT	BONDED DEBT \$	FLOATING DEBT \$	TOTAL DEBT \$
1924		417,950	113,000	530,950
1925		503,950	108,500	612,450
1926		521,950	72,000	593,950
1927		561,950	49,000	610,950
1928		586,950	50,000	636,950
1929		613,500	65,000	678,500
1930		548,500	109,000	657,500
1931		538,500	81,000	619,500
1932		528,500	51,400	579,900
1933		528,500	86,923	615,423
1934		513,500	30,200	543,700
1935		596,000		596,000
1936		566,000		566,000
1937		583,000		583,000



INDICATES BONDED DEBT



INDICATES FLOATING DEBT (NOTES) NOT INCLUDING TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

VERTICAL LINE INDICATES LEGAL DEBT LIMIT WHICH IS 5% OF ASSESSED VALUATION

CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE  
BONDED DEBT AND REDEMPTION TABLE

December 31, 1937

DATE OF ISSUE	MUNICIPAL BONDS	AMOUNT OF ISSUE	INTEREST RATE	BAL. OUT- STANDING 1937	AMOUNT MATURING 1938	AMOUNT MATURING 1939	AMOUNT MATURING 1940	BALANCE OUTSTANDING DEC. 31, 1940
May 1, 1919	School Ref'g.	24,500	5%	24,500		24,500		
Aug 1, 1921	Highway & Sewer	14,500	5%	14,500				14,500
Feb 1, 1923	Schools	50,000	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	30,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
Aug 1, 1923	Schools	75,000	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	75,000				75,000
Aug 1, 1924	Schools	79,000	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	79,000		4,000	5,000	70,000
Apr 1, 1925	Schools	60,000	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	40,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	25,000
Nov 1, 1925	Miscellaneous	50,000	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	40,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	25,000
Dec 1, 1926	Schools	18,000	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	18,000				18,000
Oct 1, 1927	School Lot & P.W. Dept. Garage	50,000	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	50,000				50,000
Oct 1, 1928	Schools	35,000	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	35,000				35,000
Oct 1, 1929	Schools	35,000	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	35,000				35,000
Jan 15, 1935	Note Refunding	25,000	2%	15,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	---
Aug 1, 1935	Schools	20,000	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	10,000	5,000	5,000		---
Nov 1, 1935	Schools	30,000	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	70,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	55,000
Feb 15, 1937	School	47,000	3%	47,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	39,000
Amount Maturing Each Year					32,000	61,500	33,000	
Amount Outstanding at End of Each Year				\$583,000	551,000	489,500	456,500	456,500

NOTE: AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR 1937, THE CITY HAD NO OUTSTANDING NOTES OF ANY KIND.



# BOARD OF ASSESSORS

## REPORT FOR 1937

Total amount to be raised by direct taxation		\$608,446.48
Overlays (Deducting Supplemental Appropriation)		18,482.27
Supplemental Tax (Real Estate & Personal)		2,176.50
Supplemental Polls (58)		174.00
		<u>629,279.25</u>
Less Assessment Corrections		966.25
		<u>628,313.00</u>
VALUATION:		
Regular List (12,277,995 @ \$5.00)		613,899.75
" " (4,343 polls @ \$3.00)		13,029.00
Supplemental, Real and Personal	\$43,530 @ \$5.00	2,176.50
Supplemental, Polls	58 @ \$3.00	174.00
		<u>629,279.25</u>
Less Assessment Corrections		966.25
		<u>\$628,313.00</u>

TOTAL VALUATION AS SHOWN BY ASSESSORS BOOKS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Resident Real Estate	\$6,490,045.00	
Non-Resident Real Estate	3,885,080.00	
Real Estate, City List	<u>328,800.00</u>	\$10,703,925.00
Personal Estate, Resident	314,885.00	
Personal Estate, Non Resident	<u>1,587,985.00</u>	1,902,870.00
Supplemental (Real and Personal)		43,530.00
		<u>12,650,325.00</u>
Less Assessment Corrections		19,325.00
		<u>12,631,000.00</u>
Less Real Estate in City List		328,800.00
Net Total Valuation, December 31, 1937		<u>12,302,200.00</u>

### ABATEMENTS AND OVERLAYS

Balance shown January 1, 1937	85,547.66	
Overlays 1937 (Less Supp. Approp.)	18,482.27	
1937 Supplemental and Personal	2,176.50	
1937 Supplemental Polls	<u>174.00</u>	106,380.43

### ABATEMENTS ALLOWED IN 1937L

1928	2,621.67	
1929	3,777.22	
1930	3,478.77	
1931	3,143.59	
1932	347.48	
1933	335.49	
1934	335.88	
1935	376.94	
1936	782.57	
1937	<u>7,515.78</u>	22,715.39
BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1938		<u>\$83,665.04</u>

## BOARD OF REGISTRATION

Whole number of Registered and Qualified Voters .....	6253
Whole number of enrolled voters .....	5612
Whole number of voters not enrolled .....	641

### REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT BY WARDS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rep.</u>	<u>Dem.</u>	<u>Not</u>
	<u>Registration</u>			<u>Enrolled</u>
Ward 1	1300	1098	82	120
Ward 2	559	414	63	82
Ward 3	596	463	56	77
Ward 4	610	453	88	69
Ward 5	1192	963	135	94
Ward 6	883	712	73	98
Ward 7	<u>1113</u>	<u>862</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>101</u>
	6253	4965	647	641

### REGISTERED VOTERS BY DISTRICTS

District 1 - Ward 1 .....	1300
District 2 - Wards 2 and 3 .....	1155
District 3 - Wards 4 and 6 .....	1493
District 4 - Ward 5 .....	1192
District 5 - Ward 7 .....	<u>1113</u>
	6253

## BUILDING INSPECTION

Total Number of Permits issued .....	260
50 Dwellings .....	\$222,995.00
31 Private Garages .....	5,765.00
17 Commercial Buildings .....	26,900.00
8 Permits for groups of Tanks, Bldgs. etc. at Oil Storage Plants	242,100.00
7 Sheds & minor buildings .....	360.00
	<u>498,120.00</u>
1 Parochial School .....	100,000.00
114 Additions and Alterations .....	61,973.00
Total Construction .....	660,093.00

33 Permits were issued to demolish buildings having a Tax value of approximately \$25,000.00.

Permit fees amounting to \$251.50 have been collected and turned over to the City Treasurer.

One building at 20-22 Harford Court has been condemned and is being torn down.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ARRESTS

Miscellaneous Felonies .....	34
Assault and Battery .....	5
Breaking, Entering and Larceny .....	12
Miscellaneous Misdemeanors .....	102
Intoxication .....	177
Traffic Violation .....	157
	<u>487</u>

## DISPOSITION OF CASES

Paid and discharged .....	84
Committed .....	24
Probation--clemency .....	42
Appealed .....	22
Delivered to authorities of other cities .....	19
Released by Police .....	268
Discharged by the Court .....	22
Bound over .....	6
	<u>487</u>
Night lodgers housed at Police Station .....	257
Stolen property recovered and returned .....	\$2406.10
Value of stolen automobiles recovered and ret. ....	\$5904.00
Automobile accidents reported and investigated .....	158
Radio calls answered .....	617

# ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

The Fire Alarm electrical equipment and wiring is being gradually but slowly improved. During the year, three outside fire alarm boxes were installed as follows:

Box No. 37 at Broadway and Sawyer Street  
Box No. 14 at Cottage Street and Angell Avenue  
Box No. 762 at Main Street and Massachusetts Avenue

Attention is called to the fact that in several locations crossarms and wires should be replaced in the near future, and also to the fact that the work of maintaining and repairing electrical work in the various schools is continually increasing; firstly, because of the recent increase in school facilities, and secondly, because the older electrical installations are in some cases obsolete and inadequate.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department responded to 234 Alarms of which 117 were Box Alarms and 117 Still Alarms.

Total value of property involved .....	\$566,100.00
Total insured value on buildings.....	492,200.00
Loss on buildings.....	26,408.77
Total insurance on contents .....	37,050.00
Loss on contents.....	4,276.11
Total loss for the year (see Note) .....	30,384.88
Loss per capita (approximate) .....	1.09

NOTE: On March 11th., 1937, a fire on the ferry boat "AQUIDNECK" (valued at \$339,000) on the ways at the Cumberland Ship Yard caused a fire loss of \$14,369.27. This boat was the property of the Bath Iron Works and this fire loss should be deducted from the above "Total loss for the year" reducing that loss to \$16,315.61.

### FIRE LOSSES

YEAR	LOSS		TOTAL VALUE * BUILDINGS & CONTENTS
1924	27,810		83,800
1925	26,000		105,300
1926	22,905		29,700
1927	7,800		82,800
1928	14,928		240,700
1929	22,842		207,079
1930	54,298		225,527
1931	13,926		166,550
1932	25,442		181,742
1933	10,613		142,060
1934	12,834		879,850
1935	24,906		140,332
1936	32,746		154,257
1937	16,315		566,100

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

For the eighth consecutive year this department has closed it's year with an unexpended balance. The unexpended balance being \$553.28, and is evidence of our endeavors to keep the expenditures within the funds allotted.

## STREETS

In general, repair work has been carried on as usual when and where required. An increase in the bitumun appropriation enabled us to treat with a reasonably heavy application during 1937 approximately 75% of our lateral streets. Due to an extremely damaging winter based on continual alternate thawing and freezing, and the fact that the highways were actually defrosted during the winter on several occasions, leaving them soft and subject to heavy damage from trucks and other vehicles using them; a great many of our lateral streets had to be scarified and entirely resurfaced. These streets will have to have another reasonable application during 1938, and in addition we hope to have sufficient funds with which to heavily treat the remaining 25%. Many of our streets have become very rough due to a constant patching policy over a period of years. This roughness was partially removed, and can still be further removed by honing during the coming season. Lightly surfaced or low cost roads can not be expected to stand up under the heavy traffic, which apparently is necessary with the development of motor vehicles, without continual maintenance. It is, therefore, going to require two or three years to place our lateral streets in the same condition that they had attained prior to the economy program.

## DRAINAGE

Forty-six (46) catch basins have been constructed and the drainage conditions throughout the city materially improved.

## NEW STREETS

Clinton St., Edwin St., Goudy St., Fillmore Ave., Robinson Ave. were accepted, as well as additional acceptances of Hillside Ave., Third St., and Boothby Ave., adding nearly one mile to the city street system.

## STATE AID, SECOND CLASS

No work was carried on as there were no funds available. Funds should be raised as soon as possible in order that the construction of Cottage Road be started.

## STATE AID, THIRD CLASS

Two sections of the Gorham Road adjoining that section constructed by the Federal Government were built during 1937. The total length of these two sections was 1600 feet and the total cost \$2086.19. This amount being furnished by the State of Maine.



### CEMENT WALKS

1230 lin. feet of new cement walks were constructed with the joint fund, based on the City of South Portland and the abuttor each paying 50% of the cost. Due to the fact that this is approximately only 1/3 of the normal appropriation, it became necessary to refuse permits during the late part of the season due to insufficient funds.

### STREET LIGHTS

Eleven of the one hundred forty lights which were removed by order of the City Council in 1933 to reduce lighting costs have been replaced. This leaves a balance of 79 lights still dark. We should as soon as possible change the Knightville lighting system to the single light staggered system to conform with new lights on the Portland Bridge.

### EQUIPMENT

During 1937, three 1½ ton Ford chassis, one International 1½ ton chassis were purchased to replace four 1931 Fords. This leaves the department with three 1932 Fords, which, due to plowing in the winter in addition to their normal winter and summer activities, are well worn out by reason of fair wear and tear in the public service. In addition, the department is still handicapped with one tractor which is old, obsolete and inefficient, causing considerable expense, annoyance, and loss of time due to frequent costly breakdowns during the working season. This tractor costs more each year for repairs than its trade-in value and should be disposed of as soon as possible.

### MISCELLANEOUS

During the year 21069 cubic yards of material necessary for street maintenance were hauled in City owned trucks.

### W.P.A. PROJECTS

In addition to the normal duties of this department, it has in addition had the administration of the Works Progress Administration Program. During the year 1937, we have expended in Government Funds \$77,699.03 for labor and \$6,986.08 in City Funds for materials. The administration of these funds has been at no expense to the City of South Portland, in as much as no city official received any additional compensation for this work. As a result of this program 148 South Portland residents have found employment. The City of South Portland has derived many benefits from this program and at little cost.

Those men assigned to the South Portland Sewerage District have worked on various sewer projects as planned for by the District, and which report is shown in more detail by their annual report. Those persons assigned to the Clerical Project have continued to bring up-to-date old records of the various City

departments, to include those of the School Department. Those men assigned to the park project worked on the High School Athletic Field, which was completed and dedicated on September 25, 1937; after which grading projects were carried on at various school grounds until December when the crews were shifted to Thornton Heights to start the new Thornton Heights Athletic Field.

#### CONCLUSION

The appropriation for this department during 1937 was \$3774.83 more than in 1936, and slightly less than the appropriation in 1935, although approaching the normal appropriation previous to the economy program. With this additional amount, it was possible to apply approximately 23,000 gallons more of tar and asphalt than in the preceding year, and as a result some of our streets should show the benefit of this improved maintenance. If the available funds for this department are kept at approximately this level, we should again be able to place our streets in proper shape and thereafter safeguard the tax payers investment in the highways. Our roads are commonly called "THE LOW COST ROADS"--they require continual maintenance. No miracle is going to save them from deterioration if they are not kept up. It is a plain case of maintain them or lose them.

## POOR DEPARTMENT

Gross Expenditures	\$84,372.66
Refunds from other Cities and State	25,705.46
Net Poor Department Expenditures	<u>\$58,667.20</u>

The above net expenditures (\$58,667.20) are \$14,259.00 greater than for the preceeding year and resulted in a \$20,974.66 overdraft which is readily accounted for by the development of unforeseen circumstances wholly beyond our control, as follows:-

(a) Early in April the State discontinued making payments to Old Age and Blind Pensioners.

(b) W.P.A. in May began to reduce our former allotment of men on such projects and made further and further reductions as time progressed.

(c) The recession in general business conditions began in August and grew worse in each succeeding month.

Former recipients of both old age and blind pensions fell back on the City for support as did many W.P.A. workers and employees of private concerns who lost their jobs which resulted in a 25% average increase over the year of families receiving whole or partial relief from the Poor Department.

## HEALTH OFFICER AND CITY PHYSICIAN

There were reported during the year the following cases of contagious diseases:

Scarlet Fever	28
Chicken Pox	13
Infantile Paralysis	5
Typhoid Fever	1
Measles	11
German Measles	9
Whooping Cough	49
Mumps	24

## CITY NURSE

Expectant mothers	118
Communicable diseases	5
Non-contagious cases	993
New mothers	93
New babies	130
Health supervisory visits to infants, children and adults	586
Social service visits	281
Visits made in behalf of nursing service and activities	418
Attendance at Baby Clinic during year	551
Meetings attended	14

## PLUMBING INSPECTOR

150 permits were issued during the year and five (5) cess-pools were done away with; \$537.75 in fees was collected and turned over to the City Treasurer. The following fixtures were installed:

Water Closets	162
Urinals	4
Lavatories	128
Bath Tubs	90
Sinks	104
Ice Boxes	0
Floor Drains	0
Conductors	0

28 Master Plumbers and 15 Journeyman plumbers licenses were issued.

## MILK INSPECTOR

The milk supply of South Portland remains very satisfactory from a public health standpoint. All producers and dealers have shown a hearty co-operative spirit with the efforts of this inspection bureau to keep this important food at a high level.

General analysis made	58
Adulteration analysis made	6
Bacteria counts made	58
Farms inspected	16
Average daily milk consumption in quarts	8400
Average daily cream consumption in quarts	370

## VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths	258
Births	236
Marriages	173

As recorded in the City Clerk's Office for the year 1937.

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Scales tested.....	82
Scales condemned.....	0
Weights tested.....	41
Pumps (oil, kerosene and gasoline) tested.....	107
Pumps condemned.....	0
Vehicle tanks calibrated.....	51
Fuel oil meters tested.....	0
New measures tested.....	2
Loading meters tested.....	14
Tank meters tested.....	11

## BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSION

### Permits Issued

March 22nd.	Davidson Yacht Yards Inc., to build a marine railway on West High Street, South Portland.
April 30th.	Casco Bay Light and Water Co., to lay and maintain a sub-marine cable between Long Island and Cliff Island.
May 24th.	Bancroft and Martin Rolling Mills Co., to build and maintain an extension to its wharf in South Portland, and do the necessary dredging to make berth at said wharf.
June 1st.	Portland Terminal Co., to fill with stone and earth that part of the easterly end of the pile railroad bridge across Fore River,
June 10th.	Portland Yacht Club to relocate it's landing floats and drive piling to secure the same.
August 17th.	Gulf Oil Corporation to build and maintain four 6" underwater pipe lines.

### Pilot Licenses Renewed

Benjamin F. MacVane  
Samuel Goody

Linwood F. McLain  
Maurice A. Lube



# SCHOOL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

1937

## COMMON SCHOOLS

Teachers' Salaries	\$91,704.96	
Textbooks	1,298.08	
Supplies	1,352.51	
Fuel	4,908.48	
Janitors	9,878.64	
Conveyance	63.50	
Total	<u>          </u>	\$109,206.17

## HIGH SCHOOL

Teachers' Salaries	\$54,219.04	
Textbooks	670.72	
Library Account	356.25	
Supplies	1,511.49	
Fuel	2,249.09	
Janitors	7,545.86	
Total	<u>          </u>	\$ 66,552.45

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION		12,111.70
PHYSICAL EDUCATION		4,067.60
ATTENDANCE OFFICER		644.00
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS		3,674.94
BUILDINGS ACCOUNT		
Repairs	4,076.65	
Equipment	3,182.98	
Janitor Supplies	1,400.02	
Total	<u>          </u>	8,659.65

INSURANCE		3,738.80
DENTAL CLINIC		256.87

## CONTINGENT

Light, Power and Telephone	3,629.01	
Miscellaneous	713.96	
Total	<u>          </u>	4,342.97
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$213,255.15

Salary Reserve Account	\$11,729.63	
Balance	15.22	
Total	<u>          </u>	11,744.85

TOTAL BUDGET	\$225,000.00
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NOTE: See Board of Education 1937-1938 ANNUAL REPORT for further details

# DETAIL TAX DEEDS

	TAX DEEDS	COLLECTIONS IN 1937	ABATEMENTS IN 1937	BALANCE OUTSTANDING DEC.31,1937
1924 and Prior Years	1098.04			1098.04
1925	169.28			169.28
1926	193.56			193.56
1927	378.61			378.61
1928	1096.94			1096.94
1929	1188.78			1188.78
1930	1988.65	29.16		1959.49
1931	2769.36	41.64		2727.72
1932	4437.94	119.36		4318.58
1933	6531.86	360.34	56.04	6115.48
1934	12220.08	2655.48	88.24	9476.36
1935	16229.35	6895.13	86.00	9248.22
1936	27459.68	15028.62	21.86	12409.20
1937 Tax Sale	46258.32	20479.03	168.90	25609.01
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Totals	122020.45	45608.76	421.04	75989.27

# CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1937

### ASSETS

CASH IN GENERAL FUND	\$4,842.20	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES:		
1932	\$ 5,742.96	
1933	2,637.52	
1934	4,051.25	
1935	2,720.90	
1936	3,257.50	
1937	58,506.02	
-31- Total Taxes	76,916.15	
Tax Deeds -		
All Years	<u>75,989.27</u>	
	152,905.42	
SINKING FUND	8,300.00	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	9,617.11	
INVENTORY - ALMSHOUSE STORES	874.44	
ESTIMATED INCOME NOT REALIZED	17,850.20	
1937 APPROPRIATION OVERDRAFT	1,157.75	
NET CITY DEBT	<u>583,000.00</u>	
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>778,547.12</u>	

### LIABILITIES

BONDED DEBT	\$583,000.00
BILLS PAYABLE:	
November	\$ 9,418.06
December	18,424.07
State Tax	<u>70,671.26</u>
Total Bills Payable	98,513.39
HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT	147.57
SPANISH WAR VETERANS DONATION	50.00
RESERVE FOR OVERLAY & ABATEMENTS	86,336.71
TEACHERS' PENSION FUND - DUE STATE	755.48
GENERAL FUND SURPLUS	9,743.97
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>778,547.12</u>



# CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

JANUARY 1, 1937 TO DECEMBER 31, 1937

Balance January 1, 1937		15742.46
Receipts:		
Excise Tax Collections		23455.18
Taxes:		
1932	77.71	
1933	175.54	
1934	185.43	
1935	386.24	
1936	26759.21	
1937	<u>559738.14</u>	
Total from Taxes		587322.27
Tax Deeds:		
1930	29.16	
1931	41.64	
1932	119.36	
1933	360.34	
1934	2655.48	
1935	6895.13	
1936	15028.62	
1937	<u>20595.08</u>	
Total from Tax Deeds		45724.81
City List:		
1933	49.75	
1934	138.80	
1935	360.70	
1936	1042.05	
1937	<u>905.98</u>	
Total from City List		2497.28
Interest on Taxes and Tax Deeds		4531.39
Contingent Poll Taxes		62.50
Accounts Receivable		750.76
Departmental Receipts:		
Board of Registration	17.00	
Streets and Bridges	4666.23	
Printing & Advertising	194.88	
Education	2973.22	
Insurance Refund (Workman's Compensation)	377.70	
Fire Department	1508.13	
Treasurer's Fees	47.08	
City Clerk's Fees	2896.05	
Electrician's Fees	733.58	
Building Inspector's Fees	251.50	
Plumbing Inspector's Fees	537.75	
Police Department	338.65	
Almshouse and Out Poor	14894.78	
Union Armory	450.00	
Purchasing Department	.80	
City Manager's Department	.55	
Accounting & Statistical	<u>3.30</u>	
Total Departmental Receipts		29891.20

# CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Dog Licenses - Collections	796.00	
Grade School Project	47786.00	
Teachers' Pensions	2597.96	
Spanish War Veterans	50.00	
Richard Dodge (Overpayment)	10.00	
Refund - Cumberland County Power & Light Co.	715.50	
Rent Willard Property	25.00	
Refund on Bond Coupon Service	15.00	
Temporary Loan	<u>325000.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>1071230.85</u>
Total Available		<u>1086973.31</u>

## Disbursements:

Deferred Items of 1936		102381.74
1937 Warrants (operations)	610242.20	
Temporary Loan	<u>325000.00</u>	935242.20
Refund 1936 Tax		4.80
" Excise Tax		10.22
" Tax Deeds		115.36
" Dodge (Overpayment)		10.00
Interest on Temporary Loan		1290.83
Transferred to Grade School Project (Brown School)		<u>43031.00</u>
Total Disbursements		<u>1082086.15</u>
Cash Balance - December 31, 1937		4887.16
Petty Cash Funds:		
City Home, Police Dept., Schools, Public Works		55.00
Total All Cash		<u>4942.16</u>

# ITEMIZED DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

JANUARY 1, 1937 to DECEMBER 31, 1937

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

### ASSESSORS:

Oscar I. Emerson - Chief Clerk (3/4 salary)	1667.03
Elizabeth Crowell - Clerk	926.10
Richard K. Dickson - Clerk	333.33
Telephone	70.84
Automobile Expense	72.90
Stationery and Supplies	177.93
New Typewriter	98.00
Assistant Assessors	300.00
Films and Photos	18.63
Postage	12.00

3676.76

### BOARD OF REGISTRATION

Salary of Members of Board	463.00
Supplies	3.55
Check Lists	255.00

721.55

### ACCOUNTING AND STATISTICAL

Charles A. Owen - Bookkeeper	2125.12
Grace M. Milesen - Clerk	1335.00
Elinor G. Sawyer - Clerk	1335.00
Alice M. Mitchell - Clerk	117.00
Extra Clerk Hire - Treasurer's Office	173.10
Telephone	89.30
Servicing adding machine & typewriter	20.75
Postage	454.00
Stationery and Supplies	416.09
Auditing Accounts	290.00
New Typewriter	108.00
Miscellaneous	2.27

6465.63

### CITY COUNCIL:

Ralph W. Leighton	300.00
Harold W. Nicholson	300.00
John H. Mann	300.00
Ernest L. Gowell	300.00
Ernest Henry	300.00

1500.00

### CITY MANAGER:

Harry A. Brinkerhoff	4154.00
William Plattner	32.88
Telephone	77.74
Stationery and Postage	60.54

4325.16

## CITY BUILDING:

Edwin L. Eaton, Janitor	1248.00
Howard S. Thompson - Sub. Janitor	48.00
Land Rent	140.00
Light & Power	536.09
Fuel	281.64
Building Repairs	39.45
Painting Building	225.00
Paper towels and cups	134.90
Supplies	<u>149.64</u>

2802.72

## CORPORATION COUNSEL:

Clinton T. Goudy - Salary	333.30
George E. Hill - Salary	466.70
Stationery and Supplies	<u>36.65</u>

836.65

## ELECTION EXPENSE:

Election Officials	532.00
Notaries fees at elections	42.00
Constables service (Election warrents)	15.00
Meals at Polling Places to Officials	128.25
Ballots	82.00
Rent of Polling Places	100.00
Delivering ballots to State	1.39
Erecting voting booths	13.00
New voting booths (11)	137.94
Miscellaneous	<u>2.81</u>

1054.39

## PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

Walter J. Hayes - Clerk	1156.00
Stanley Graffam - Sub. Clerk	53.00
Postage	108.00
Typewriter repairs	19.00
Stationery and supplies	<u>97.20</u>

1433.20

## PRINTING &amp; ADVERTISING:

Annual Report	53.14
Miscellaneous Forms	71.78
Assessors Notices	19.90
Advertising pole permits	38.25
(C.C.P. & L. Co. and N.E.Tel. & Tel. Co.)	
Street Hearings	53.70
Advertising Bond Issue	11.64
Advertising condemnation and Demolition	
Proceedings	48.03
Printing Resident Tax Lists	165.00
Advertising Non-Resident Tax List	141.00
Advertising in Port of Portland Book	35.00
Memeograph Machine	<u>65.00</u>

702.44

## SPECIAL EXPENSE COLLECTION BACK TAXES:

George Q. Cobb - Salary	284.90	
Postage	90.73	
Stationery	<u>30.00</u>	

405.63

Total General Government

23924.13

## PUBLIC SAFETY

## BUILDING INSPECTOR:

Oscar I. Emerson ( $\frac{1}{4}$ Salary)	449.58	
Auto Expense	74.28	
Postage	<u>2.00</u>	

525.86

## ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT:

George H. Lowell (City Electrician)	1857.88
Extra labor on fire alarm - repairs	319.35
Automobile expense, repairs	14.78
Gasoline and oil, auto.	106.65
Fire alarm repairs - material	393.40
Fire alarm additions	366.00
Fuel - Electrical station	100.04
Light & Power - Electrical Station	75.10
Supplies	12.19
New automobile	526.00
Miscellaneous	<u>10.54</u>
	3781.93

Less - amount credited for oil burner  
transferred to City Home

30.00

3751.93

## FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Charles O. Spear, Jr - Chief ( $\frac{1}{4}$ salary)	1187.52
Regular Firemen - Salary	11570.62
Volunteer Firemen	5497.00
Telephones	446.85
Office Supplies	44.86
Light and Power	432.20
Fuel (Central Station and Fire Houses)	712.11
Rent - Volunteer houses	855.00
Building repairs	132.55
Shop supplies	521.81
Uniforms	285.90
Gasoline and oil	1843.57
Tires and tubes	32.97
Maintenance and Repairs apparatus	256.16
Fire alarm books for departments	149.25
Part cost of Chief's auto	300.00
Miscellaneous	<u>88.06</u>
	24356.43

Less - Sales of Gasoline to other  
Departments

2019.22

22337.21

# FIRE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL:

New 500 gallon pump #3	4200.00
New 500 gallon pump #7	3875.00
New Service Truck	530.60
Mounting 500 gallon pump on Hose #2	475.00
1 Hard and 1 Soft 4½" Suction Hose	124.80
7 Fireman's Helmets	84.33
2000 feet 2½" Hose	1391.60
Part cost of Chief's auto	100.00
Booster Brakes	151.64
Mounting 500 gallon pump Engine #1	268.00
Mattresses and Springs Hose #4	125.00
Radio - Chief's automobile	<u>45.02</u>

11370.99

# POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Charles O. Spear, Jr.-Chief Salary (½ sal)	1187.52
Regular Police - Salary	14165.76
Special police	1831.49
Clerk - Police Department	483.33
Telephone	631.65
Office Supplies	101.18
Uniforms	706.52
Automobile maintenance	482.39
Gas, Oil and Grease	1420.29
Care of Prisoners, Insane cases and supplies	212.20
Part cost of Chief's Car	300.00
Exchanging one Police Car	<u>324.00</u>

21846.33

# POLICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL:

Part cost of Police Car	200.00	200.00
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# HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

Peter M. Costello	65.00
Clinton T. Goudy	<u>100.00</u>

165.00

# SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

Telephone	49.16
Automobile allowance	110.00
Seals and tags	<u>12.49</u>

171.65

# WATER AND HYDRANTS:

Hydrant rentals	2940.00
Repairs and Inspection	<u>133.00</u>

3073.00

# FIRE DEPARTMENT - SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOREST FIRE:

Volunteer companies and extra labor	2417.50
Hose Replacements	402.73
Food	302.47
Tools	2.90
Hauling water	90.00
Gasoline and Oil	79.25
Photo of Fire Area	25.00
Rubber coats and hats	<u>100.51</u>

3420.36

Total Public Safety

66862.33



## HEALTH AND SANITATION

## CITY PHYSICIAN AND HEALTH OFFICER:

Waldo T. Skillin - Salary	750.00	
Fumigating	164.50	
Vaccine, Postage and stationery	<u>27.50</u>	942.00

## CITY DUMP:

Labor	1907.86	
Fencing	59.80	
Miscellaneous	<u>32.34</u>	2000.00

## CITY NURSE:

Mary A. Vanderward - Salary	850.00	
Mrs. Doris Currie	350.00	
Telephone	<u>12.23</u>	1212.23

## MILK INSPECTOR:

Dr. J. F. Boswell	200.00	200.00
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## PLUMBING INSPECTOR:

Leroy W. Hasey - Permits	720.00	
Automobile allowance	<u>280.00</u>	1000.00

## VITAL STATISTICS:

John S. Milliken M.D. - Births	1.00	
Ernest T. MacVane M.D.- Births	40.25	
Rev. William Dawes Veazie - Marriages	1.75	
Rev. William R. Wood - Marriages	<u>.25</u>	43.25

## COLLECTION OF GARBAGE:

Walter C. Nielson - Contract	3000.00	
Total Health and Sanitation	<u>8397.48</u>	

## HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES

## ADMINISTRATION:

Albert W. Waterman - Com. of Public Works	2455.00	
George F. Hilborn Jr. - Clerk	80.00	
Merle E. Bridgham - Clerk	1056.00	
Telephone	260.11	
Office Supplies and Forms	192.73	
Engineering Supplies	212.87	
Miscellaneous	<u>12.01</u>	4268.72

## MAINTENANCE:

General Maintenance - Labor	20979.26	
Catch Basins - Labor and Materials	465.53	
Culverts and Drains-Labor and materials	1278.48	
Maintenance buildings - Materials	46.96	
Maint. Trucks - Labor and Materials	3663.41	
Maint. Equipment " " "	1661.43	
Sweeping Streete	1038.12	
Forestry	639.75	
Gasoline	1842.94	

Grease, Oil and Kerosene	212.93	
Street signs	25.31	
Tires and Batteries	587.71	
Miscellaneous tools	198.76	
Heat, Light and Power	571.75	
Patch - Labor and Materials	3265.37	
Tarmac, Tarvia and Asphalt	9533.73	
Surface Treatment - Labor	1959.13	
Crusher - Labor	560.73	
Crushed Stone	644.10	
Elections - Labor	3.36	
Miscellaneous	29.93	
	<u>49208.69</u>	
Less - Credit to Gravel	47.09	
	<u>49161.60</u>	
NEW EQUIPMENT	<u>2779.39</u>	
		51940.99
SNOW REMOVAL:		
Chloride	680.00	
Maintenance - Labor and Materials	1065.78	
Plowing and Hauling	687.02	
Sanding	620.49	
Fence - Labor and Material	275.24	
Gasoline	23.33	
Anti-freeze	54.82	
Chains	<u>252.97</u>	
		3659.65
CEMENT WALKS:		
New walks	589.90	
Repairs to walks	<u>410.22</u>	
		1000.12
STATE AID - 3rd CLASS MAINTENANCE		<u>725.00</u>
Total Highway and Bridges		61594.48
STREET LIGHTS:		
Street Lights	15215.29	
Traffic Lights	<u>175.25</u>	
Total Street Lights		15390.54
POOR DEPARTMENT:		
CITY HOME:		
Salary of Superintendant (Part)	354.45	
Salary - Cook, Laundress & Nurse	1500.00	
Office Supplies and Postage	79.77	
Food	2015.00	
Building, Plumbing & Heating Repairs	861.69	
Gas and Electricity	840.88	
Fuel (Coal & Oil)	581.01	
Milk	210.00	
Medical Supplies	87.69	
Miscellaneous	<u>249.54</u>	
		6780.03



## OUT POOR:

Salary of Superintendent (Part)	1300.00
Clerks and Truck Drivers	1558.61
Gasoline, Oil and Grease - auto	518.93
Tires, tubes and chains - auto	510.45
Doctors - attending outside settlement cases	3231.50
Medicines	1120.90
Nurse expense	705.53
Hospital expense	4130.75
Wood (Fuel)	1890.62
Fuel (Oil, coal and coke)	6544.53
Electric lights, gas and water	282.31
Milk	3066.38
Groceries and meat	23128.10
Groceries furnished by Grocers	705.48
Board of Children and adults	5268.91
Rents paid	8949.06
Support of South Portland Poor in other Cities and Towns	6698.82
Cash Relief - Outside City and Town cases	133.00
Moving families	409.72
Burials	665.75
Miscellaneous	<u>418.08</u>

76237.43

## MOTHERS AID:

1355.20

Total Poor Department

84372.66

EDUCATION: (See Sup't. of Schools Report)

213255.15

## TAXES OTHER CIVIL DIVISIONS

Bridge District Tax	1686.63
County Tax	21231.60
State Pier Site Tax	3547.19
Sewerage District Tax	49500.00
State of Maine Tax	<u>91667.97</u>

Total - Taxes Other Civil Divisions

167633.39

## MISCELLANEOUS

## CONTINGENT:

Traffic Signs	96.19
Surety Bond - Premiums	170.00
National Bank of Commerce and Casco National Bank - Paying agents fees on Bonds and Coupons.	140.80
Recording Tax Deeds	39.75
Burying dead animals	41.00
Insane hearings and commitments	25.00
Clerna-up week expense	29.50
Playground expense	27.98
Memorial Day expense	199.75
Legal opinion on bond issue	131.25
Book case Judge's Chamber	29.63
Desk Treasurer's Office	42.00
New Typewriter - City Clerk's Office	108.00

Bank Checks	96.88	
Sewer Assessment City Lot - Parrott St.	46.59	
Miscellaneous	<u>55.72</u>	
Total Contingent		1280.04
INSURANCE:		
Municipal Building - Fire	896.38	
Volunteer Firemen - Group	675.00	
Motor Vehicle (Fire, theft & Liability)	1268.71	
Workmen's Compensation	<u>2746.78</u>	
Total Insurance		5586.87
ANNUAL AUDIT:		
George M. Graffam C.P.A.	285.00	
UNION ARMORY:		
Thomas H. Young - Janitor	144.00	
Telephone	34.66	
Light & power	81.21	
Fuel	164.70	
Repairs to building	<u>33.40</u>	
Total Union Armory		457.97
W.P.A. - RELIEF PROJECTS		
Labor	2136.20	
Office supplies	221.91	
Loam	1089.89	
Tar	998.20	
Stoves and Pipe	21.30	
Weed Killer	138.75	
Cement and Labor	173.89	
Lumber	5.54	
Fences	119.50	
Pipe and Fittings	45.13	
Paint and Rope	10.02	
Gravel	397.38	
Fertilizer	318.00	
Seed	96.08	
Lime	18.50	
Tools	1070.26	
Drinking Fountain	5.25	
Miscellaneous	<u>120.28</u>	
Total W. P. A.		<u>6986.08</u>
Total Miscellaneous		<u>14595.96</u>
DEBT SERVICE		
INTEREST:		
Interest on Temporary Loan	1290.83	
Bond Interest	<u>23368.75</u>	
Total Interest		24659.58
LIQUIDATION OF CITY DEBT:		
Bond's redeemed	<u>30000.00</u>	<u>30000.00</u>
Total Debt Service		<u>54659.58</u>
Total Expended		<u>710685.70</u>

CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE  
DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE  
YEARS 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937

Jan.1,1937   Jan.1,1936   Jan.1,1935   Jan.1,1934  
to   to   to   to  
Dec.31,1937   Dec.31,1936   Dec.31,1935   Dec.31,1934

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Assessors	3676.76	3641.46	4011.34	3468.22
Assessors - Revaluation	-	-	388.55	1795.85
Board of Registration	721.55	1300.12	760.57	1184.65
Accounting & Statistical	6465.63	7077.05	9338.81	7075.26
City Council	1500.00	1337.50	1500.00	1500.00
City Manager's Department	4325.16	4295.27	4405.83	3884.49
City Building	2802.72	2508.93	2657.80	2930.25
Corporation Counsel	836.65	805.55	583.69	622.95
Election Expense	1054.39	1747.61	1114.57	2204.06
Purchasing Department	1433.20	1178.08	1172.55	990.99
Printing & Advertising	702.44	1082.83	317.89	544.06
	<u>23518.50</u>	<u>24974.40</u>	<u>26251.58</u>	<u>26200.78</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Building Inspector	525.86	456.86	704.83	400.00
Electrical Department	3751.93	2722.83	3034.26	2880.83
Breaking Harbor Ice	-	-	295.00	-
Fire Department	22337.21	22877.24	21398.11	20544.47
Fire Department--Special	11370.99	-	1797.30	-
Police Department	21846.33	19403.15	18299.77	15835.95
Police Department--Special	200.00	-	1170.55	-
Harbor Commission	165.00	200.00	200.00	166.88
Sealer of Weights & Meas.	171.65	156.31	212.89	133.00
Water & Hydrants	3073.00	3155.76	3550.29	3219.40
Fire Dep't.-Special Acct.				
Forest Fire	3420.36	-	-	-
	<u>66862.33</u>	<u>48972.15</u>	<u>51163.00</u>	<u>43180.53</u>

HEALTH & SANITATION:

City Phys. & Health Off.	942.00	911.16	585.06	706.97
City Dump	2000.00	999.80	1000.00	947.61
District Nurse	1212.23	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00
Milk Inspector	200.00	200.00	199.92	199.94
Plumbing Inspector	1000.00	677.75	720.00	652.00
Vital Statistics	43.25	2.75	34.00	2.00
Collection of Garbage	3000.00	3000.00	3187.91	4835.32
	<u>8397.48</u>	<u>6991.46</u>	<u>6926.89</u>	<u>8543.84</u>

# DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

	Jan.1,1937 to Dec.31,1937	Jan.1,1936 to Dec.31,1936	Jan.1,1935 to Dec.31,1935	Jan.1,1934 to Dec.31,1934
<u>HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES:</u>				
Administration & Maint.	53430.32	41784.90	44545.82	41495.44
Snow Removal	3659.65	9567.15	11101.50	9593.57
Cement Walks	1000.12	1000.00	1080.11	360.48
State Aid Roads	725.00	900.00	1499.74	743.23
Street Lighting	15390.54	15119.99	14757.38	14513.30
New Equipment	2779.39	4655.00	3811.80	-
	<u>76985.02</u>	<u>73027.04</u>	<u>76796.25</u>	<u>66706.02</u>
<u>CHARITIES &amp; CORRECTIONS:</u>				
Poor Department	83017.46	78993.53	99330.44	58736.30
Mother's Aid	1355.20	1300.00	1947.50	1000.00
	<u>84372.66</u>	<u>80293.53</u>	<u>101277.94</u>	<u>59736.30</u>
<u>EDUCATION:</u>				
School Expenditures	213255.15	213969.55	196906.16	184038.82
Equipment & Repairs	-	-	-	3454.31
	<u>213255.15</u>	<u>213969.55</u>	<u>196906.16</u>	<u>187493.13</u>
<u>TAXES OTHER CIVIL DIVISIONS:</u>				
Bridge District Tax	1686.63	1655.42	1622.75	1933.96
County Tax	21231.60	21356.27	21356.27	20180.18
State Pier Site Tax	3547.19	3366.65	3325.34	3191.00
State of Maine	91667.97	90587.95	90587.95	89801.40
Sewerage District Tax	49500.00	49500.00	50000.00	51675.00
	<u>167633.39</u>	<u>166466.29</u>	<u>166892.31</u>	<u>166781.54</u>
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>				
Contingent	1280.04	1689.55	1991.29	771.63
Damages & Claims	-	136.00	-	17.50
Insurance	5586.87	4796.36	4971.67	4166.35
Annual Audit	285.00	700.00	600.00	800.00
Union Hall (Armory)	457.97	449.62	585.66	556.00
Ferry Wharf (Repairs)	-	-	-	2.18
Relief Project Materials	6986.08	4648.07	18766.32	5703.66
Expense Collecting back Taxes	405.63	1120.04	-	-
	<u>15001.59</u>	<u>13539.64</u>	<u>26914.94</u>	<u>12017.32</u>
<u>DEBT SERVICE:</u>				
Interest	24659.58	23820.45	25043.97	30893.40
Sinking Fund	30000.00	30000.00	30000.00	71723.47
	<u>54659.58</u>	<u>53820.45</u>	<u>55043.97</u>	<u>102616.87</u>
Totals	<u>710685.70</u>	<u>682054.51</u>	<u>708173.14</u>	<u>673276.33</u>

## SOUTH PORTLAND SEWERAGE DISTRICT

Your trustees submit herewith a brief report of District activities for the year ending December 31st., 1937.

The sewer in Stanford Street was completed.

Sections of sewer were laid in Hillside Avenue, Davis Street, Lowell Street, Chase Street, Vincent Street and Huntress Avenue.

A storm drain was laid in Clifford Street with branches in Richland Street and Adelbert Street. This line crosses Ocean Street and continues on through Robinson Avenue and Norman Street to Trout Brook.

Highland Avenue drain was extended to Cottage Road and along Cottage Road to Richland Street and a section laid in Richland St.

A storm drain was laid at Main & Cox Streets and from Clinton Street to Davis Street at Orchard Street.

In November a start was made on relaying storm drains at Sunset Park with larger pipe and this work is still in progress.

Fifty-one manholes and forty-two catch basins were built.

All the above work was done in co-operation with Works Progress Administration.

Short sections of sewer were also laid in 2nd Street and Roosevelt Street.

Our W. P. A. labor crew ranged from a minimum of 35 men in September to a maximum of 98 men in December. Total manhours of relief labor furnished 79,174½. Total Federal payrolls for the year \$35,965.78. Expenditures by District on W. P. A. for same period \$25,869.91.

To finance this work bonds were issued for loan of \$30,000 and during the year bonds in the amount of \$25,000 were redeemed.



# SOUTH PORTLAND SEWERAGE DISTRICT

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH PORTLAND SEWERAGE DISTRICT:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1937. New construction carried on during the year on projects approved by Works Progress Administration is summarized as follows:

COMBINED SEWERS			
LOCATION	SIZE	KIND OF PIPE	LENGTH
Stanford Street	20"	Vit Clay	469 ft
Hillside Avenue	10"	Vit Clay	216 ft
Orchard Street Relief	10"	Vit Clay	222 ft
Chase Street	12"	Vit Clay	263 ft
Huntress Avenue	12"	Vit Clay	125 ft
Lowell Street	10"	Vit Clay	275 ft
Vincent Street	10"	Vit Clay	512 ft
			<u>2082 ft</u>

STORM WATER DRAINS			
Norman Street	30"	Vit Clay	230 ft
	24"	Vit Clay	185 ft
Robinson Avenue	24"	Vit Clay	518 ft
Ocean Street	24"	Vit Clay	55 ft
	15"	Vit Clay	155 ft
	12"	Vit Clay	69 ft
	10"	Vit Clay	132 ft
Clifford Street	24"	Vit Clay D.S.	260 ft
	24"	Vit Clay St.	983 ft
	20"	Vit Clay	112 ft
	18"	Vit Clay	287 ft
Adelbert Street	12"	Vit Clay	210 ft
	10"	Vit Clay	148 ft
Richards Street	18"	Vit Clay	225 ft
Main & Cox Streets	24"	Vit Clay D.S.	126 ft
Richland Street	10"	Vit Clay	274 ft
Highland Avenue	12"	Vit Clay	292 ft
Cottage Road	12"	Vit Clay	62 ft
	10"	Vit Clay	323 ft
Broadway at Underpass	12"	Vit Clay	48 ft
Sunset Park	36"	Vit Clay D.S.	509 ft
	30"	Vit Clay D.S.	18 ft
			<u>5271 ft</u>
Catch Basin Leads	12"	Vit Clay	22 ft
	10"	Vit Clay	20 ft
	8"	Vit Clay	1180 ft
	6"	Vit Clay	90 ft
	5"	Vit Clay	20 ft
	4"	Vit Clay	28 ft
			<u>1360 ft</u>

Total Linear Feet 8713 ft

# ENGINEER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Manholes built	38	Catch Basins Built	22
Manholes Removed	3	Catch Basins Removed	7
Ledge Removed	668 cu. yds.		

## OTHER CONSTRUCTION

Second Street	8"	Vit Clay	82 ft
Roosevelt Street	8"	Vit Clay	116 ft
B Street Outfall	8"	C. I.	30 ft
C Street Outfall	8"	C. I.	30 ft
Manholes 13		Catch Basins 20	
		Sewer Permits Issued 102	

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. KENDALL  
Sup't. & Engineer

# SOUTH PORTLAND SEWERAGE DISTRICT TREASURER'S CASH

## DEBITS

Cash Balance Jan 1, 1937					\$18,602.62
Sales of Material					265.80
Miscellaneous Collections					1,098.65
Collections on Private Work					298.27
Maintenance Credits					439.59
Bond Issue					30,000.00
Adjustment Account					50.00
City Assessment (1937 Budget)					49,500.00
Interest & Discount					8.75
Collections Old City Sewer Assessments					295.00
Collections District	"	"	1926		224.32
Collections	"	"	1928		108.96
Collections	"	"	1929		503.66
Collections	"	"	1930		448.79
Collections	"	"	1936		933.78
					<u>933.78</u>
					\$ 102,778.19

## CREDITS

Transfers to Sinking Fund					\$24,314.51
Treasurer's Salary					100.00
Material Purchases					12,694.89
Miscellaneous Expense					730.09
Private Work (Labor)					211.54
Maintenance & Repairs					14,312.09
W.P.A. Projects					5,893.15
Interest on Bonded Debt					21,575.00
Cash Balance December 31, 1937					22,946.92
					<u>22,946.92</u>
					\$ 102,778.19

## SINKING FUND ACCOUNT

Cash Balance in Fund Jan 1, 1937					2,999.86
Transfers from Current Cash					24,314.51
Bonds Redeemed Aug 1, 1937				\$	15,000.00
Bonds Redeemed Nov 1, 1937					10,000.00
Cash Balance in Fund December 31, 1937					2,314.37
					<u>2,314.37</u>
				\$	27,314.37



# SOUTH PORTLAND SEWERAGE DISTRICT

## BONDED DEBT

	Amount	Redeemed	Outstanding
Issue of Nov 1, 1925, 4's	\$200,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
Payable \$10,000 yearly, 1931-1950			
Issue of Aug 1, 1926, 4's	200,000.00	60,000.00	140,000.00
Payable \$10,000 yearly, 1932-1951			
Issue of Aug 1, 1927, 4's	100,000.00	25,000.00	75,000.00
Payable \$ 5,000 yearly, 1933-1952			
Issue of Aug 1, 1929, 5's	75,000.00		75,000.00
Payable \$ 5,000 yearly, 1939-1953			
Issue of Sept 1, 1934, 4's	25,000.00		25,000.00
Payable \$ 5,000 yearly, 1946-1950			
Issue of Oct 1, 1935, 3 & 1/4's	25,000.00		25,000.00
Payable \$ 5,000 yearly, 1951-1955			
Issue of Sept 1, 1936, 2 & 3/4's	25,000.00		25,000.00
Payable \$ 5,000 yearly, 1951-1955			
Issue of May 1, 1937, 3 1/2's	30,000.00		30,000.00
Payable \$ 6,000 yearly 1952-1956			
	<u>\$680,000.00</u>	<u>\$155,000.00</u>	<u>\$525,000.00</u>

### BUDGET ACCOUNTS 1937

	APPROPRIATION & CREDITS	EXPENDED	BALANCES	OVERDRAFTS
Maintenance & Repairs	\$15,420.03	\$15,576.83		\$156.80
Bonded Debt	25,000.00	25,000.00		
Interest on Bonded Debt	21,050.00	21,575.00		525.00
Interest & Discount	13.24		13.24	
Treasurer's Salary	100.00	100.00		
Deferred Assessment Acct.	525.31		525.31	
Miscellaneous Account	1,398.65	730.09	668.56	
	<u>\$63,507.23</u>	<u>62,981.92</u>	<u>1,207.11</u>	<u>681.80</u>

### DEFERRED ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT

Debit Balance Jan 1, 1937	\$525.31	
Maintenance & Repairs Overdraft	156.80	
Payments on Bonded Debt (Overdraft)	<u>525.00</u>	
		\$1,207.11
1937 Appropriation	\$525.31	
Interest & Discount Balance	13.24	
Miscellaneous Account Balance	<u>668.56</u>	
		\$1,207.11

# SOUTH PORTLAND SEWERAGE DISTRICT

## CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNTS

	W.P.A. PROJECTS	2nd.ST. SEWER	ROOSEVELT ST. SEWER	TOTALS
District Labor	\$ 4,093.79	\$56.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 4,239.79
Material	12,975.27	32.12	37.19	13,044.58
Expense	84.99	2.00	3.00	89.99
Supplies	1,276.76			1,276.76
Tools & Equipment	3,992.99			3,992.99
Supervision & Engineering	1,585.00	5.00	12.00	1,600.00
Insurance	969.11	4.50	8.80	982.41
Office Overhead	894.00		6.00	900.00
	<u>\$25,869.91</u>	<u>\$99.62</u>	<u>\$156.99</u>	<u>\$26,126.52</u>
Federal Payrolls	35,965.78			35,965.78

## GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS

	Assets	
Cash Current Account	\$22,964.92	
Cash Impounded	<u>266.19</u>	
		\$23,213.11
	Liabilities	
Credits to Sinking Fund		
Advance Permits Awaiting Adjustment	2,450.00	
Balance Available for New Construction	<u>20,763.11</u>	23,213.11

## ASSESSMENTS AND CAPITAL PROPERTIES

Outstanding Sewer Assessments 1925 and Prior Years	928.33	
1926	707.26	
1928	606.73	
1929	6,284.50	
1930	1,543.47	
1936	3,464.52	
Rights & Privileges (Contract with City)	32,202.27	
Fixed Capital	<u>551,332.82</u>	
		\$597,069.90
Advance Sewer Permits	2,450.00	
Capital Surplus	<u>594,619.90</u>	
		\$597,069.90

## SUMMARY OF SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Total Assessments Outstanding Jan 1, 1937	\$ 16,093.16	
Journal Charges	<u>121.71</u>	
		16,214.87
Collections	\$ 2,514.51	
Journal Credits	137.22	
Abatements	<u>28.33</u>	
		2,680.06
Total Assessments Outstanding December 31, 1937		<u>\$ 13,534.81</u>

Ralph W. Leighton, President  
 John J. Maloney )  
 Morris W. Bragdon ) Trustees  
 Thomas Johnson )

